



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

David John Zanzig, et al.

For: TIRE WITH TREAD OF CIS 1,4-

POLYBUTADIENE RICH RUBBER

COMPOSITION WHICH CONTAINS A

FUNCTIONAL STYRENE/BUTADIENE

ELASTOMER, SILICA AND COUPLING

AGENT

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated January 19, 2005, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.